

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 remain in this application. Claims 13-22 have been withdrawn. Claims 1 and 9-12 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Claim 22 has been added.

The Examiner requested that the Applicant make an election between Group I (Claims 1-12), drawn to a self-carbonating cleaning solution, Group II (Claims 13-18), drawn to a method of cleaning textile fibers, and Group III (Claims 19-22), drawn to a system for cleaning textile fibers.

Restriction

Applicant elects to proceed with Group I (Claims 1-12) with traverse and has therefore withdrawn Claims 13-22.

Preliminary Amendment

Claim 1 has been amended to remove limitations that have been included in new Claim 22. Claims 9-12 have been amended to relax the limitations contained therein and to claim more of what the Applicant has a right to claim, according to the specification.

Conclusion

In view of the examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claims 13-21 in a divisional application at a later date.

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In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

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